4.000 ACRES FINE COAL LAND

AN UNDIVIDED INTEREST THEREIN OFFERED AT A PRICE AND IN A WAY THAT DEMANDS THE ATTENTION OF CAPI-TALISTS.

Read the Description of the Property and Proposition to Form a Company for the Purpose of Operating the Mines.

DESCRIPTION.

This property is situated in Dickenson county, Virginia, at the mouth of Mill creek, where Mill creek empties into McClure river, and embraces a boundary of One Thousand acres. Mill creek forms its northern and McClure river its western boundary. The entire property lies in one body and embraces a very high mountain, which forms a water-shed between Mill creek and McClure river. This fact is significant, as it enables the coal to be mined in the cheapest possible manner—cheaper than if in two bodies-and also contains more coal acreage.

The Charleston, Cincinnati and Chicago railroad is surveyed immediately through the facts. property for a distance of two miles. It is confidently believed that this road will be completed through the property during the coming year. Over \$7,000,000 have already been invested in the construction of this road. Its extention and completion to this coal field is an absolute necessity to its existence and successful operation. The additional expenditure of \$200,000 to \$250,000 will complete it to this property, and, as soon as this is done, there is not the shadow of a doubt as to the rapid advance in value of this superior tract of coal

THE COAL.

The different veins of coal carried by this property are all above drainage, easy to work by drift mining, easy of access and self-draining, with neither water nor floods to hinder or retard the work of mining and shipping the

The property carries four different veins of coal-all above drainage-locally known by the following names: The Imboden, the Lower Banner, Upper Banner and the Edwards.

'The Imboden is the bottom seam, or the first one above drainage. This seam is from 7 to 8 feet thick, and is the great coking seam of the southwestern coal field. The following analysis of coke, oven test, of the coal from this vein, was made by Prof. Andrew S. Mc-Creath, of Pennsylvania: Fixed Carbon, 94.04; Ash, 4.74; Sulphur, 0.588.

About 60 feet above the Imboden, vertically, is found the Lower Banner seam, from 6 to 7 feet thick; also a coking coal of excellent

Above these two is found the Uppar Banner seam, five feet thick, and next the Edwardsthe top vein, four feet thich, which is a superior domestic coal.

The Lower Banner seam has been opened up and driven in from 30 to 60 feet, at three different places on the property showing a regular and persistent seam of coal of 6 to 7 feet, while a number of test openings have been made on adjoining and surrounding property, thus proving thoroughly the regularity of the different veins.

I only mention the different workable seams found above drainage, from the fact that in this wonderful coal field no attention has ever been given to the lower beds.

RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES.

I own all the Coal, Oil, Gases and Minerals in, on and under the property, with full mining rights and privileges; the right of ingress and egress; to build tramroads, railroads, wagonroads, &c., required or found to be necessary in mining the coal or minerals, with sufficient surface on which to construct necessary coal bins, schutes, tipples, coke ovens, mining houses and all the timber under 18 inches in diameter. In fact, everything of value on the property desirable for mining purposes. This, without the shadow of a doubt, is the

most desirable block of mining property that is now offered for sale in the southern coal field; and, for cheap and profitable mining, favorable location and quality and quantity of coal is hardly equaled.

The title to the property is absolutely perfect, being derived from one of the oldest datents in southwest Virginin, granted in the year 1783. There are no "squatters'" or addeeds to be obtained.

LOCATION AS TO RAILROADS.

The property, as stated above, is located immediately on the line of the Charleston, Cincinnati and Chicago railroad. Several hundred miles of this road is now in active operation in South and North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia, while the road-bed is graded and ready for the ties and iron to St. Paul, Va., where it crosses the Norfolk and Western. This point is about fifteen miles from the property in question. This road is projected from Ashland, Ky., to Charleston, S. C., and will be one of the great trunk lines over which the coal from this section will be carried to the seaboard at Charleston, S. C., and also distributed to the furnaces of Tennessee and Alabama and delivered to the seaboard at other points through a connection with the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia system at Johnson City, Tenn. It will also be a promiand Western states, through its connection at Ashland, Ky., with Cincinnati and Chicago.

The large amount of money already invested In the construction of this road, and the small amount-in comparison with that already invested-necessary to make it one of the greatest and most profitable trunk lines in the United States, warrants us in the anticipation of its early completion. When this is done, it is only fair and reasonable to infer that this property, of which I now offer to sell a ninetenths undivided interest at less than \$20 per acre (read proposition further on), will readily command a price of \$100 to \$200 per acre. #196 years ago, for instance, the coal lands located boundaries are not for sale at any lying along and near the Clinch Valley Ex- price, we feel justified in estimating the foltension of the Norfolk and Western railroad, lowing as the result of an investment in a one- per or nickel coins. were bought up at prices ranging from \$3 to tenth interest in this property: on to pass per acre, while the greater part of it is owned by wealthy organizations, and is not for sale at any price.

Speaking of the wonderful and rapid in crease in value of good coal lands, the fellowing extract from a letter of recent date from Mr. J. J. Hoblitzell, President Tof the Savage the purchaser of a teath interest in this prop-

erty has made his last payment, which, as Fire Brick Co., of Keystone Junction, Pa., is a fair illustration of what can reasonably be expected of an investment in this property.

"Coal lands in Maryland that thirty years ago were sold at \$56 to \$100 per acre are now worth from \$500 to \$1,000 per acre, and not much can be bought at those prices. In the Pennsylvania district, known as the Connellsville or coking coal district, the land I had options on at \$10 to \$15 per acre in 1859, will now bring, and have sold for \$1,000 per acre; also lands in the Youghlogheny field, on which I had options in 1877, at from \$13 to \$25 per acre, will now sell for \$300 to \$500 per acre.

\$300 to \$500 per acre.
Land in West Virginia that sold three years ago at from \$2 to \$3 per acre will bring \$40 more per acre now. These lands are on the West Virginia Central

Mr. George C. Potts, of South Watauga, net profit of \$6,800. Tenn., whose father was one of the founders of the anthracite coal development, recently arrange with the necessary number of respon-

"Coal lands in Pennsylvania, eligibly located and carrying i2 to 14 feet of soft coals, were worth about 10 per acre forty to fifty years ago; to-day the same \$nds are worth from \$500 to \$1,500 an acre."

every year for fifty years is hard to realize by those not familliar with the history of such properties, but, nevertheless, such are the

PROPOSITION TO SELL NINE-TENTHS OF THE PROPERTY MEREIN DESCRIBED.

My object is to dispose of a nine-tenths undivided interest in the property herein described to, say nine different persons, retaining a one-tenth interest myself; then, after securing the necessary number of purchasers, my plan is to form of the different owners of the property, a company for the purpose of developing and operating the mines. My reasons for offering to dispose of a part of the property in this manner are: First, I desire to make of this Company a strong and substantial organization by interesting men of large capital. Second, I am not in a position, financially, to carry the property alone and wait for the great increase in value that its owners are sure to realize before a very great while,

Now my proposition is this: In the event, lightning Wednesday afternoon. for instance, a responsible party is desirous of purchasing a one-tenth interest in the property, we would jointly enter into the following

This Agreement made and entered into this—day f—, 1892, by and between C. M. Harris, of Vir-

party of the first part, and of party of the second part,
Wirnessern, That, whereas the party of the first part is the owner of the Coal, Oil, Gas and Mineral part is the owner of the Loai, Oil, Gas and Mineral Rights, with all and full Mining Privileges on One Thousand acres of Coal Land, lying and being in Dickenson county, Virginia, on the waters of McClure river and Mill creek; and WHEREAS, The said Harris, party of the first part, proposes to sell a nine-tenths interest in said Mineral Rights and Mining Privileges at the price of \$20

per acre, and on the terms and conditions hereinafter nentioned; and,

WHEREAS, The said part, is desirous of purchasing a one-tenth undivided

interest therein;
Now, Therefore, in consideration of the premises, the said second party hereby binds himself, his heirs and assigns, after the expiration of — days from the date of this Agreement (said — days to be allowed to said second party as time in which to examine and investigate the coal lands herein mentioned) to pay to the said first party, his heirs or assigns, for the said one-tenth interest above mentioned, the sum of Two Thousand Dollars, to be paid in the following

way and manner, to-wit;
Five Hundred, Thirty-three Dollars, Thirty three and one-third Cents (\$ 533.33\frac{1}{3}\$) cash in hand, upon the first party hereto making and passing unto the said Miss Be second party a good and sufficient deed to the sald one-tenth undivided interest, and to execute to said first party two negotiable notes, bearing six per cent. interest per annum from date, for the sum of 533.333 each, payable in nine and eighteen months, respectively, from their date; and to execute at the same time one note for Four Hundred Dollars to C.M. Harris and associate owners of the One Thousand acres of Mineral Rights and Mining Privileges herein mentioned, said note to bear six per cent. Interest from its date. However, It is agreed and understood by the parties hereto that the said note for Four Hundred Dollars is to be deposited in the Bank, of for collection, at maturity, and the amount, when paid, is to become a common fund and shall belong to the said C. M. Harris and associate owners of the said Rights and Privileges herein mentioned, and is to be used only as a development fund in opening up and operating the coal mines on the property described above, unless other-wise provided for and agreed upon hereafter by said

Harris and associates.

It is agreed further, by the parties hereto, that the said first party, in transferring the one-tenth interest herein named, shall retain in deed for same a vend-or's lien on same, to secure the deferred payments above mentioned.

It is also further agreed that, in the event the party of the second part should not take advantage of the - days mentioned above as being allowed for investigating and examining the property, such action shall be regarded as his (the second party's) own neglect, and this contract shall be as binding as if he had made a thorough and satisfactory examination of

Witness the following signatures and seals, the day

I invite responsible parties to take an interest with me in this valuable property on the terms and conditions set forth in the above form of agreement.

OPERATING AND DEVELOPMENT FUND.

It will be seen that the last payment of verse claims on the property, and no release \$400, as illustrated in the above purchase of a one-tenth interest in the property-which amount represents \$4 to each acre- is set apart as a Development and Operating Fund, thus enabling the owners of the property at the end of two years from date of purchase, to commence mining the coal, with a fund in their hands of \$4,000 to be used for this pur-

In speaking of the value and favorable location of the property, the fact should not be lost sight of that it is located in the center of a great and rapidly growing manufacturing from 8 a. m. to 8.30 p. m. Money order region, with furnace and manufacturing in- department open from 8 a. m. to 6 p.m. terests of different kinds surrounding it on all Mail for North & East via. L. & N. closes 11.15 a. m. sides. In the iron manufacturing district of the State of Ohio, of which Ironton is considered the center, there are forty-four furnaces in active operation. These fortyfour furnaces alone annually consume over 2,000,000 tons of coke. On the completion of the Charleston, Cincinnati and Chicago railnent factor in the distribution of the coal and road the products from the mines on this coke from this field throughout the Northern property will be placed practically at their doors, thus saving them the long and expensive fully. Give name of post office and State freight-haul from Connellsville, Pa., and in full, street and house number, or box points in West Virginia, from which two sec- number. If the office be a small one add Duff, Mrs. Mecca S. tions they now secure their supply of fuel.

REASONABLE ESTIMATE.

Allowing ourselves to be governed by the history of the different coal fields, and more especially that of southwest Virginia, where investments were made prior to the completion of railroads, and where but from three to five years ago we saw the coal lands in this field sold at \$8 to \$20 an acre, and now see the same property advanced to from \$50 to\$100 per acre owing to location, while the larger and best

reasonable to suppose that the property by | that time will have advanced in value to \$100 per acre. However, in order to make the estimate in a safe and strictly conservative manner, let us place the advanced price, twentyfour months hence, at the low price of \$50 per acre, and we have the following result:

Net profit in 24 months \$ 3,400.00

In placing the estimate at \$100 per acre, which is thoroughly warranted by the history of the coal fields heretofore mentioned, the \$1,600 investment has earned in two years a

It is my intention, as early as possible, to sible parties who will interest themselves with me in this property; then, as soon as contracts have been closed on the nine-tenths interest herein offered, a date will be agreed upon This wonderful and rapid increase of 100 to between the parties interested, at which time 300 per cent. in value on good coal property the property shall be examined. Upon the property proying to be as represented, thereupon the transactions of the purchase from me shall be closed up, and the different owners of the property will form themselves into a Company for the purpose of operating the mines.

Address all communications to,

C. M. HARRIS, ROGERSVILLE, TENNESSEE. OB, BIO STONE GAP, VIRGINIA. Locals,

Wm. Caudell, who was shot at Little tone Gap, died last Thursday.

"Zack" Wells who was injured by the explosion at the ore camp on Wallins Ridge has died. Tom Darnell, his companion, has been moved to Clinchport. He is not expected to live.

L. & N. depot, had a fine horse killed by o'clock p. m.

A negro standing near the horse came in for a share of it. He was brought to town and resusticated by Dr. Gilmer.

Master Jessec out.

Several persons remarked that just at the first crash of lightning they heard a a voice and felt a sensation similar to that of stepping on a match.

John M. Goodloe is visiting his parents near Charlotesville.

Mrs. Isaac Blanton of East Big Stone Gap, is visiting her son, who is very slek at his home near Jonesville.

W. T. Goodloe will leave Monday for a month's visit to his old home near Char

Miss Bettie Churchill has returned from a short visit to relatives in Louis-

Mrs. Robert Carter left last week for Eastern Virginia where she will spend the summer.

Jno. B. Payne left Saturday for Lexington, Ky. to attend the races which are going on this week.

Mrs. Walter E. Addison has returned from a visit to relatives in Richmond, Va.

> [Communicated.] Peoples' Ticket.

For Mayor-W, T. Hudgens. For Aldermen-Josh, Mullins, W. H. Horton, .C. W. Evans, J. B. Adams, W. W. Taylor, Wm. T,

To Leave Town.

Dr. T. Lynne Johnson, the dentist, will be in town only a week or ten days longer, and parties wishing work done by him must attend to it at once. His office is at the residence of Mrs. J. H. Duff, where he is prepared to do all kinds of dental work.

FERDINAND WARD.

Grant's Rascally Partner to Be Liberated From Sing Sing on Saturday.

New York, April 26 .- Ferdinand Ward, whose financial operations in the firm of Grant & Ward caused such a stir a few vears ago, will be liberated from Sing Sing next Saturday. There is still an indictment pending against him in the United States Court, but it will probably not be acted upon.

POST OFFICE.

(East 5th Street.)

J. M. Goodloe Postmaster,

General delivery open week days only " " West " " 6.15 p. m. " 5. A. & O. " 1.15 p. m.

To insure prompt dispatch of mail matter it should be deposited in post office letter box before the time for closing as

SUGGESTIONS TO THE PUBLIC.

Fron U. S. Official Postal Guide of 1892.

1. Address all mail matter legibly and Clav, H. B. Jr., & Palmer, the name of the county.

2. Put your name and address upon upper left-hand corner of all matter mailed

3. On foreign letters always place the name of country in full.

4. Do not use thin envelopes. Stamped envelopes are the best.

5. Register all valuable letters. 6. Send money by money order.

7. Affix stamps securely and on the upper right-hand corner. 8. Do not tender for postage stamps money so mutilated as to be uncurrent, or more than twenty-five cents, in cop-

9. Do not ask the postmaster or elerk \$ 533.3314 to affix stamps for you. 10. Do not ask credit for postage stamps.

11. Do not ask credit for money orders.
12. De not tender checks or drafts in payment for money-orders, or any money except that which is legal tender, and National bank notes.

Total investment at end of 24 months. \$ 2,000.00

By the time, and more than likely before, plied by the hotels, direct what disposal w, shown above, has cost him \$1,600, it is but shall be made of letters if nudelivered.

A BEAUTIFUL TOWN SITE MIDWAY BETWEEN THE-COAL FIELDS AND IRON

Adjoining the City of Big Stone Gap on one side, and the South Appalachian Land Company's value and extensive Town Site Lands on the other. FOR INFORMATION IN DETAIL, ADDRESS

THE EAST BIG STONE GAP LAND & IMPROVEMENT BIG STONE GAP, VA. J. B. F. MILLS, President, or S. C. BERRYMAN, Secretary.

Stockholders' Meeting.

A general meeting of the stockholders of the Mountain Park Association will be held at the Appalachian Club rooms in the town of Big Stone Gap, Virginia, on Thursday, the 5th day of May, 1892, at 2 L. TURNER MAURY, o'clock p. m. President,

Stockholders' Meeting.

The regular annual meeting of the Valley Street Railway Company will be held at the Appalachian Club rooms on Thursday, the 5th day of May, 1892, at 4 o'clock R. A AYERS, President.

Stockholders' Meeting.

The regular annual meeting of the Big Stone Gap Electric Light and Power Company will be held at the Appalachian Club rooms in the town of Big Stone Gap, Va., Jessie Bishop, living a mile below the Thursday, the 5th day of May, 1892, at 7 HENRY WEBB,

President.

Stockholders' Meeting. The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Big Stone Gap Im-On the same afternoon the lightning provement Company will be held at the Appalachian Club rooms in the town of entered the Post Office by the Eastern Appalachian Club rooms in the town of Union Telegraph wires and chased Post Big Stone Gap, Virginia, on Wednesday, May 4th, 1892, at 2 o'clock p. m. B. A. Ayers, President.

Notice-Stockholders Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Central Land Company will be held in the directors' room of the Appalachian Bank in Big Stone Gap, Va., on Thursday, May 5th, 1892, at 10 o'clock a. m. R. T. IRVINE, Secretary.

VIRGINIA: in the clerk's office of the circuit court of the county of Wise on the 18th day of March. In Vacation. Augustus Fletcher, Pl'tt, In chancery.

Vs. L. S. Allison, et. al., Def'ts. The object of this suit is to recover personal judg-ment against defendant, L. S. Allison, for the sum of \$200.00 with interest on \$100.00, part thereof, from the 21st day of February 1800, and on \$100.00, the residue thereof, from the \$th day of October 1891, residue thereof, from the \$th day of October 1891, till paid; and to attach the debts owing from the Russell Creek Coal Company to the said £. S. Alfison or so much thereof as will be necessary to satisfy plaintiff's said debt of \$200 with interest as aforesaid and the cast of this suit. And an affidavit having been made and filed that the defendant, L. S. Allison, is not resident of the State of Virginia, it is ordered that he do appear hear within 15 days after due publication hereof, and do what may be necessary to protect his interest in this suit. And it is further due publication hereof, and do what may be necessary to protect his interest in this sult. And it is further ordered that a copy hereof be published once a week for four weeks in the Big Stone Post, and that a copy be posted at the front door of the court-house of this county on the first day of the next term of the county court of said county. A copy—Teste:

J. E. LIPPS, Clerk.

Hy W. H. BOND, D. C.
Alderson, Miller & Bolen, p. q. 33-4t

-:(o):-Sale of Town Lots for Delin-

guent Taxes. -:(0):---

Pursuant to the ordinances and resolutions of the council of the town of Big and requiring me so to do I will on

Saturday April 30th, 1892 at 11 o'clock A. M. on the respective premises to be sold, offer for sale the list of

property below given, to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy delinquent assesswalks in front of and along the said propertv to-wit: In whose name asssessed.

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Big Stone Gap Improvement Co.

Hardin, E. M.

BIG STONE GA

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Two beds of Coking Coal, each one over six feet thick, making Coke as is produced in the United States, will be mined and coked three miles of the town. Two beds of Gas and Steam Coal, each or feet thick, and a bed of Cannel Coal underlies the same territory

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Yellow Poplar (white wood), Birch, Hemlock and Chestnut Oak United States, immediately tributary to the town. MATER

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struction. Cheap Fuel.--Cheap Raw Material.-- Cheap Transportation

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If so call on J. P. WOLFE & C Stone Gap, vesting in me the authority and get their prices before by ing elsewhere. Spot Cash bu ers get low prices. We are agen for the STUDEBAKER WAGON ments for the grading and paving of side- and haue on hand different Size Agricultural implements carrie in stock. Low prices and quit sales is our Motto.

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To the above charges, are to be added the costs of advertising and of sale. So much of each lot will be sold as may be necessary to pay off in full the above. charges and costs. If the sale be not completed on the above date, it will be adjourned from day to day and from time

W. B. KILDOURN

City Collector

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